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ON THE COVER - Terrain is one of three significant variables in a geographer's assessment of duck hunting along the Mississippi River in a segment touched by the states of Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa. The cover photographs are Figures 2 and 3 of the article by Mark Schroeder in this issue of the *Journal*.

Academy, Nobels, and Gustavus Adolphus College Share History

There is a multi-faceted historical perspective in connection with the 1982 annual meeting of the Minnesota Academy of Science.

Viewed as milestones in point of time, it is a kind of double-header, being the fiftieth annual meeting of the organization as current members know it and the centennial for the Academy from its original beginnings in the state.

Although none can claim personal connections with the founders who decided 100 years ago to establish an Academy of Science with a focus on education and scientific inquiry in the State of Minnesota, names from that period are known to this day through association with the University of Minnesota and with state government, mainly through geologic and agricultural resources in Minnesota.

History touches this 1982 gathering of the Academy further through choice of Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter as the location for the meeting. Institutional roots go back to

1862, when the Swedish Lutheran Church established a school to prepare pastors and teachers for congregations of immigrants from Sweden who had come to Minnesota.

But to the scientific community - nationwide and even worldwide - Gustavus Adolphus is known for the Nobel Memorial lectureships established there in the 1960's. The Alfred Nobel Memorial Hall of Science, where most of the Academy's activities were scheduled, is the core of science laboratories and departments on the campus and a focal point for the annual lectureships by Nobel Prize laureates.

Those lectures began with the dedication ceremonies for the memorial hall, an event which brought 26 Nobel laureates to St. Peter for a week of meetings. Officials from the Nobel Foundation and its executive director at Stockholm, Sweden, also attended. Materials now housed in the Nobel Gallery on campus were provided by the foundation.

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